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DEPT PASS SECRETARY COMMERCE DENT

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT:ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL CONFERENCE MAY 28-30

REF: STATE 073527

PERSONAL FROM AMBASSADOR HELMS

1. I UNDERSTAND INFORMALLY THAT SECRETARY DENT MAY BE PLANNING TO ATTEND THE OPENING OF THE NEA ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICERS CONFERENCE.

2. IN REVIEWING THE INITIATIVES WE ARE TAKING WITH THE GOI AND THE GREATLY EXPANDED PACE OF VISITS AND MISSION WE EXPECT AS A RESULT, THE THOUGHT OCCURRED THAT SECRETARY DENT'S VISIT MAY POSSIBLY HAVE SOME RELATIONSHIP TO THESE INITIATIVES. IF SO, WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW SO WE CAN PREPARE THE GROUND VERY CAREFULLY. IF NOT RELATED, THEN I WOULD WISH TO BE SURE THAT NO CONFUSION EXISTS IN IRANIAN MINDS ON THIS SUBJECT.

3. WHILE I AM VERY PLEASED THAT SECRETARY DENT CAN ARRANGE TO COME TO IRAN, AND WE ARE PREPARED TO HOST THE ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL CONFERENCE AS REQUESTED, I WOULD LIKE HIM TO KNOW THAT I PLAN TO BE ABSENT FROM TEHRAN DURING THE DATES OF THE CONFERENCE ON A LONG-PLANNED

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